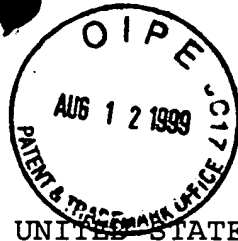


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In re Application of: )  
KITAHIRO KANEDA ) Group Art Unit: 2721  
Application No.: 09/212,434 )  
Filed: December 16, 1998 )  
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CONTROL METHOD THEREOF, )  
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant respectfully directs the Examiner's attention to co-pending Application No. 09/329,202, filed June 10, 1999 (Group Art Unit 2721) which has been assigned in common with the present application.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(iii), a copy of this co-pending application has not been enclosed, nor has it been listed on a Form PTO-1449. The Examiner is respectfully directed to Patent and Trademark Office files for review of this application.

Inasmuch as this application has not yet received a first Office Action, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this application

in its entirety to determine its relevance to the claimed invention.

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